GOLD HILL HISTORICAL SOCIETY
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Meetings are held the third Monday of each month at 7 pm in the library. Our next meeting is August 17. Hope to see you all there.

Our Gold Dust Days and Jackson County Fair booths seemed to have given us the public exposure we were hoping to get. Many oldtimers sought us out. They shared memories and enjoyed our photographs. Now we need to get oral histories from these valuable historical resources. Next year we'll know to be prepared with tapes and recorders at the booths. BIG thank yous go to so many donators and volunteer workers that I don't dare single any out - I'd be bound to miss 20 others. Our SOCIETY should be very proud of its members!

Further public relations exposure will be forthcoming during the Josephine County Fair, August 18 - 22, where we will have a display case in the gem and mineral building. Our Sylvanite mining equipment, along with some borrowed gold, should draw further welcome attention to our fledging organization.

The Chamber of Commerce borrowed two of our historic photos, along with proper credits to the SOCIETY, for publication in 10,000 brochures proclaiming the admirable qualities of Gold Hill, including its strong historical appeal. Each of these classy professional harbingers will further spread the good word that we exist.

We should be getting a bit embarrassed about our empty display case in the library. Can't anyone come up with the whereabouts of a long 'alligator' type lock for the sliding doors? Our gold scales, and other mining memorabilia and photos would really be eyecatching in that lovely case. We have the funds in our treasury with which to pay for such a lock.

Our postmaster,Don Ice,has been kind enough to grant us display space in the brand new post office. In the box section, which is open to the public 24 hours a day, we may use part of their glassed-in wall case, and in the main lobby, open only during business hours, we may have wall space. Put your thinking caps on about what we could most effectively display in these heavily trafficked areas. It is to our advantage to have as many photos as possible before the public's eye. Remember that we can't use any that we got from SOHS without their permission and proper credits.

Speaking of Southern Oregon Historical Society - congratulations go to Marge Edens and Natalie Brown on their recent promotions! Thanks to these two thoughtful ladies, we were presented with six 8 x 10 copies of Natalie's wonderful photograph of our Gold Dust Days grand marshals, also. The four surviving graduates of Gold Hill High's class of 1915 are all exceptionally alert, intelligent senior citizens: Ernest Lyman, Mary Truax Hendricks, Vera Davidson Schrump, and Agnes Dietrick Buckley. Each of the grand marshals was presented with one of the photos, and we have two for our files. Do you